

GERMANS RENEW FLANDERS BATTLE DESPITE THE COLD

Also Launch Desperate Assault Against Allies' Center in Argonne Region.

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Berlin Reports Progress for Program; Paris Says New Efforts

YPRES SUFFERS FROM FIRE

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Heavy Artillery of the
Germans.

LONDON, November 23, 1918.
p.m.—The fighting in Belgium

which has been slow for several days on account of the weather has broken out with renewed

ferocity at Ypres, with the artillery playing the main part.

be the prelude to another German attempt to pierce the line, as in

the past onslaughts by German infantry have been preceded by heavy artillery attacks.

Assaults at Two Points.

At two points in the battle line extending across France and Belgium the Germans today were making determined assaults on positions held by the

Today's French statement said that at Ypres, Belgium, the point believed to have been selected for a new German attempt to force a way through to the English channel, the artillery fire yesterday was violent and that many buildings were set on fire.

Fighting Is "Very Hot."

In the region of the Argonne forest well on toward the eastern end of the line where the Germans are centering another severe attack, the fighting yesterday was "very hot," according to

terday was described as "very hot," and it is said that the German onslaughts were repulsed. Rheims and Soissons also were under bombardment with what effect is not disclosed.

The German official statement speaks of the severe fighting at Ypres, and

also says that a British squadron's attempt to bombard Nieuport was repulsed twice. In the Argonne region, it is said, the Germans are gaining ground slowly.

The renewed efforts of the German in the west, notwithstanding the effects of the cold, wet weather, which was said to make fighting in the lowland almost an impossibility, attracted renewed attention to the western field.

Violent bombardments have destroyed the town hall and the central market at Ypres, according to official news reaching here from Paris.

Rushing Naval Construction.

From Germany there come reports of feverish activity in the construction of warships as well as in the manufacture of Zeppelin airships. The opinion prevails that Germany is not able to compete with Great Britain in the con-

struction of battleships. Consequently she is devoting greater energy to the building of an air fleet. Naval construction takes relatively second place.

The flurry caused by the attack of British aviators on the Zeppelin headquarters at Friedrichshafen has not yet

subsidized, and the amount of compensation on this incident appearing in both the German and the English press seems to be out of all proportion to the real damage inflicted.

OUTLOOK FOR BELGIANS DARK

Charles Maskens, New Legation Secretary, Thanks Americans for Aid.
NEW YORK, November 23.—Charles Maskens, recently appointed secretary of

the Belgian legation at Washington, was an arrival here yesterday on board the steamship Philadelphia from Liverpool. Mr. Maskens said that when he left Belgium early in November the outlook for the people of his country was anything

"While I am not officially authorized to speak on the subject," he said, "Informally I was requested by my government to extend its thanks to the people of America for the prompt and generous response to the cry of a starving people."

response to the cry of a starving people. America's big-heartedness will never be forgotten, and the food that is now arriving will save many a life."

Mr. Maskens said that Brand Whitlock, the American minister, has handled the situation in a remarkable manner.

Body That of Ship Stewardess.
DULUTH, Minn., November 23.—The woman whose body was found on the shore between Grand Marais and Whitefish Point Saturday, and also was a part of the wreckage of the "R. B.," is believed to be the stewardess of the ship.

locket with the initials "R. B." engraved on it, is Rose V. Busick of Buffalo, N. Y., according to W. A. McWatty of this city. McWatty says she was stewardess of the steamer Curtis, which was lost in the storm with her two barges.

Searches for Lost Hunters.
ELY, Minn., November 23.—A searching party of sixteen under the leadership of John Cooper of the Ely police force, started out today to find three

hunters who have been missing since last Monday at the north arm of Burntside lake. The lost hunters are John Kilbane, Eric Peterson and Joseph Hakkonen, well known here. a